Governor Musgrove Appoints Margaret Tate to Mississippi Prison Industry Corporation

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(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has appointed Margaret Tate of Picayune to the Prison Mississippi Prison Industry Corporation. She will be representing the agriculture industry for the unexpired term ending May 5, 2005.

"Margaret Tate has first hand knowledge about the state's prison systems because of the four years she served on the Corrections Committee," said Musgrove. "She will make an excellent addition to the Corporation."

Tate is a former state representative (1984-1988) and a former state senator (1988-19920). As a senator Tate served on the Corrections Committee for four years. She is the President of the South Pearl River County Senior Center, president of the Foundation for Civic Development Centroplex, and president of the Picayune AARP.

"I'm well acquainted with the issues and the benefits of a vital industrial capability. For the taxpayers, it saves money. It gives inmates a sense of pride, of self-worth, a skill or trade. Hopefully, they use the job experience to turn their lives around. I've seen it work," said Tate.

The Mississippi Prison Industry is charged with making and publishing the policies, rules, and regulations governing all business functions of the Mississippi Prison Industries. These business functions include: accounting, marketing, purchasing and personnel.